

**RD AN No. 3596 (1944-I)**  
**December 11, 2000**

TO: Rural Development State Directors,  
Rural Development Managers, and  
Community Development Managers

ATTENTION: Rural Housing Program Directors

FROM: James C. Kearney *(Signed by James C. Kearney)*  
Administrator  
Rural Housing Service

SUBJECT: Section 523 Self-Help Housing Environmental Requirements

**PURPOSE/INTENDED OUTCOME:**

This Administrative Notice (AN) provides notice that RD AN 3579 (1944-I) was issued in error.

**COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS AN:**

This AN rescinds RD AN No: 3579 (1944-I) which was dated October 31, 2000 and expires on December 31, 2001.

**BACKGROUND:**

RD Instruction 1940-G, Section 1940.310 states that Self-Help Technical Assistance grants are categorically excluded from environmental reviews under the National Environmental Policy Act. However, applications from participating families to build homes under the Self-Help Housing program do require the appropriate level of environmental review in accordance with RD instruction 1940-G. For further assistance, consult with the State Environmental Coordinator or call Sue Wieferich, Program Support Staff at (202) 720-9647.

EXPIRATION DATE:  
December 31, 2001

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:  
Preceding RD Instruction 1944-I